Hopkinton Senior Recreation Council Meeting

February 22, 2010

Members Present: Marilyn Bresaw, Joanne Woodward, Janet Krzyzaniak, Don Lane, Justin Lavigne, George Langwasser, Gloria Symonds.

Others Present: D.J. Jesseman, Bev Johnson, Doris Shaban.

Comments from non committee members:

Letter written by Ken Wilkens was read objecting to use of non-seniors activity during Senior hours. No action was taken and the letter was placed on file.

Programs: Yoga program on Monday afternoons has been cancelled due to lack of participants.

Red Sox tickets will be available in May and September.

Foxwoods trip is scheduled for March 28.

Home Transition Program - talk on down-sizing. Comments: Janet - Ok as long as this is not a program to sell some kind of housing plan - no pressure. Justin will put out a sign-up sheet.

Bev Johnson said it should be easier for Senior groups to use the Center. When asked how much the insurance for the Golden Group would be, she stated it would be about 200 hundred dollars. George answered that all groups sponsoring programs not run by the recreation department would need to rent the hall and pay insurance; otherwise any donations collected by the program should go to the Center.

Tumbling for Tots: After discussion the Council entertained a motion by Don that we allow this program to be held at the Center. Gloria amended it to read "on a trial basis." The vote was 5 to 1 in favor.

Quilting Program: The quilting program will be on Thursday afternoons at 12:30 with Dale Roberts as the instructor. Janet has requested donations of sewing machines, irons, material etc. The needlework group will still meet at 10 in the morning.

Nominations for Volunteer of the Year: Justin presented the following names: Neola Crathern, Doris Shaban, Bonnie Cressy & Nancy Remick, Pat & Bruce Dawson, Gloria Symonds. The ballot box will be at the front desk. Voting will start March 8th and end April 9th •.

Other Business: Neal Cass is working on the endowment fund plan. Justin LaVigne announced that the building is being rented more often. There will be a sports card show in April.

Updates:

Don Lane has 13 recipes done with 25 more to be done. Seniors eat desserts -most of the recipes are desserts; we need other items. Don is trying to follow a pattern by placing the recipes in a binder with laminated pockets. He requested a list of the ingredients and then step by step preparation. Perhaps we could plan a cooking day and tasting party.

Movies: We hope to continue having a movie once a month. The problem with the need to make the room darker is being addressed.

Newsletter:

Justin LaVigne would like someone to take over the project. The newsletter should include a calendar of events and could also have public interest articles.

Wii games: People have once again asked for instruction in the Wii games. Justin LaVigne will ask Dan Meserve to get some students to teach the games.

Don Lane requested permission to speak at the luncheon about one of the candidates (Pellerin) for selectman.

It was noted that Janet Krzyzaniak is running for budget committee.

The next Council meeting will be held on the third Monday in March at 1:30 pm.

Joanne Woodward moved and Don Lane seconded that we adjourn. Motion passed.

/Gloria Symonds

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SENIOR RECREATION COMMITTEE:

THIS IS TO EXPRESS MY DISAPPOINTMENT AT YOUR RECENT VOTE TO ALLOW THE USE OF THE SENIOR CENTER BY CHILDREN (ON A TRIAL BASIS) DURING SENIOR HOURS OF OPERATION.

THAT APPROVAL WILL BE JUST THE BEGINNING OF A TREND BY THE RECREATION DEPARTMENT AND OTHERS TO ALLOW ALL SORTS NON SENIOR ACTIVITIES DURING NORMAL WEEKDAY HOURS OF OPERATION.

I HOPE THAT WHAT EVER CHILDREN'S PROGRAM YOU APPROVED AT YOUR LAST MEETING IS A TOTAL DISASTER FOR THE RECREATION DEPARTMENT AND YOU DO NOT ALLOW FUTURE REQUESTS SUCH AS THAT TO BE APPROVED.

KEN WILKENS